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Dear Dr. Stokes,

The Draize eye irritancy test is a cruel and archaic practice. I urge the ICCVA/NICATM to move forward with recommended improvements in alternative testing without delaying the acceptance of the tests' current forms (such as use of eyes salvaged from animals killed for other purposes & chicken embryos) as well as recommending you go beyond this to develop and validate nonanimal methods to completely replace the Draize test. Federal agencies should immediately begin accepting alternative methods found to be useful.

I am very concerned about the welfare of innocent, sentient animals, especially when so many of these tests, such as the Draize, have been duplicated over the years without purpose. I urge you to phase out the Draize test as soon as possible without delay.

Thank you for considering my comments.
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